THE REHEARSAL.

1. The *Behaviour* of the *Whiggs* towards the *Duke* of *Marlborough* upon the *Last* years *Campaign*.

2. A Prety Instructing *Story* of Mr. *De Foe* concerning the *Lord High Treasurer* of *France*.

3. The *Mouths* of the *Party* not yet *Stopt* against the D. of M.

4. What they said of him before the *Battel* of *Ramellies*.

5. And what *Since*.

WEDNESDAY, *June* 12th. 1706.

(1.) *Country-man.* YOU shew'd last time, *Master*, how the D. of *M.* has been treated for three *Campaigns*. And you Promis'd to go on. There is the last *Year* behind, and this *Campaign* that is now so Gloriously Begun.

Rehearsal. Last *Year* there was no *Battel*. And it is well known, That it was not the Fault of the D. of *M.* who Press'd hard for it. And if others had Concur'd, might have done the same then that he has now done. And the War had been nearer an End. But they who Us'd him as you have seen after the *Battel* of *Hochsted*, wou'd be sure not to *Spare* him for last *Year*. They then *Attack'd* him without *Borrow'd Names* or *Allusions*. They thought it time to *Arraign* him *Directly* and by *Name*, and to *Expose* the *Duke* of *Marlborough* to all the *Nation*. They laid the whole *Blame* upon him. And charg'd him with no less than *Treachery*, and being in the Interest of *France*. This was *Printed* and *Publish-ed* under the Title of *A Letter to the Author of the Memorial of the State of England*. And, according to their Usual *Modesty*, put upon the *High-Church!* But the *Author* was found out, and well known to be *Whigg* all over, and a *Top-Stickler* for the *Party*, above the *Size* of *Observators* or *Reviews*.

Country-m. This is *Watching* for a *Fault*. And if they cannot *Find* one, to *Make* one.

(2.) *Rehearsal.* There is Another Great *Minister*, whom they Commonly Join with the D. of *M.* in their *Accusations*. And he was not *Forgot* in this *Letter*, tho' not Expressly *Nam'd*. But great *Clamours* were made about the *Expedition* to *Catalonia*. That K. *Charles* and my Lord *Peterborough* were sent thither to be *Sacrific'd*, for that no *Provision* was made befitting such an *Enterprize*. But every thing, and in Abundance for Supplying the D. of *M.* that he might have no *Rival*.

The *Review*, Vol. 3. N. 59. p. 234. shifts the *Scene*, and puts the Case in *France*. He blames their Conduct as to *Spain*. That they *Starv'd* their *Cause* there, to Carry on the *Siege* of *Turin*. And that this was done *by the Powerful Influence of Monsieur CHAMILLARD, in favour of the Duke de FEUILLADE*. Upon which he Enlarges further, to make it more *Intelligible*, and says, *That the Grand FINANCIER* or *TREASURER of France, has Sacrificed the King of Spain, and the Sum of Affairs on that side, to the Private FAMILY-Glory of his RELATION the DUKE de Feuillade*. Who had *Marry'd* his *Daughter*.

Country-m. I see his *Meaning* by his *Mumping*. And if these men were in *France*, and *Durst* take the same *Liberty* they do *Here*, the *Lord High Treasurer* of *France* wou'd pass his time very ill, since the *Disaster* is fallen on that side. And wou'd it not have been the same, if the *Disaster* had fallen on our side? The *Letter* had Prepar'd the *Accusation* Ready beforehand; And if *Success* had not Alter'd the *Case*, we need not Doubt of the *Application*.

(3.) And *Master*, the D. of *M.* may thank the *Success* he has had, else the *last* years *Accusations* wou'd have been *Redoubl'd* upon him. Suppose the *French* had got the *Victory* in *Brabant*, as there is a *Chance* in all *War*: Or suppose they had not, only kept their Ground, and it had been a *Drawn Battel*: Or suppose there had been no *Battel*, but the *French* had kept within their *Lines*, as they did last *Year*; wou'd there not have been the same Grounds of *Accusation* against the D. of *M.* as there was last *Year*? He stands upon *Tickliſh* Ground with these *Whiggs*. If he do's not *Fight*, he's a *French Pensioner*: And if he do's *Fight*, and not get the *Victory*, Some *Strange Un-Common VICTORY*, he do's not *Stop* their *Mouths*! But has he *Stopt* their *Mouths*, with all his *Victories*?

Rehearsal. No, *Country-man*, he has not *Half* stopt *them*, as I come now to shew you, upon this years *Campaign* now Begun. I told you in my Last but one, *Num.* 110. how the *Observator* has *Treated* him, since this late Wonderful *Victory*, he *Scorns* to be *Praise Trumpeter* to the D. of *M.* to Please *Persons* and *Parties*, or Cry up *Particular* men to *Amuse* the *Crowd!* He's not of the *Family* of the

the *Lick-Spittles*! But wiſhes ſome may *Burſt* with *Honour*, and *Sink* under the *Weight* of their *Riches*, he ſees their *Wealthy Calamity* a Coming! *Cincius Fulvius* had his *Head* Cut off, and all his Goods *Confiſcated*, his *Wife* was *Baniſhed*, and his *Houſe* Ras'd to the Ground!

(4.) But I'll go on with you, and ſhew you how others have *Behav'd* on this occaſion. How they have *Squinted*, and with how kind an *Aſpect* they Look'd upon the D. of *M.* At the Entrance of this *Campaign*, before the Deciſive *Battel* at *Ramellis*, the *Review* of the 18 laſt *May*, Vol. 3. N. 60. did decently Correct the *Towring Hopes* many had of Great *Succeſs* from the *Courage* and *Conduct* of the D. of *M.* who he ſays, p. 238. did *Exalt his Powor to Impoſſibilities, and make him more than a Man; did Calculate what has thouſands of the moſt Impracticable things in nature in its Proſpect, and Cut out the work of Ages for the ſhort Extent of a 5 Months Compaign; This is making a Satyr upon the Duke of* MARLEBOROUGH's *Diſcretion, Lampooning his Judgement, and Expoſing our own Ignorance.*

But what ſhall all our Dreamers of Dreams ſay, when at laſt we find the ENGLISH *Troops are March'd to* TONGEREN, *Join'd the* DUTCH *Army, and the* DUKE *of* MARLBOROUGH, *Monſieur* AUVERQUERQUE, *the* DUTCH *Deputies, and all the ſelf ſame People, on the ſelf ſame ſtage of Action, the ſame Enemy, the ſame Generals, are Enter'd the Field to ſee; if they can make any More of it than they did Before.*

This is the very Caſe, and all our Great Prophecies are come to the old way of making War, and the State of the Caſe is Plain; the Sum of the Matter is not in FLANDERS, *nor on the* RHINE, *nor in* ITALY, *but in* SPAIN. *That is the Nail that will go.*

Theſe are Monſieur *De Foe*'s own words, and he will not now Accuſe me of taking only a *Scrap* of a *Sentence*, and Perverting it from the Senſe of the *Author*! But he go's on, and in Anſwer to theſe *Dreamers* of *Dreams*, in Favour of the *Duke* of *Marlborough*, he puts in his *Prognoſtick* againſt him, nay, more than a *Prognoſtick*, he ſays, *To me it is Plain from the Nature of things and without any Aſſiſtance yet from Information, That his* GRACE *the* DUKE *of* MARLBOROUGH *has Certainly met with ſome unexpected Difficulties and Diſappointments.* And this he Proves from *five Heads*, as *his long ſtay at the* HAGUE *in Conferences and Debates. The* ENGLISH *Troops being ſo long in their Quarters. His ſending Brigadier* CADOGAN *to* GERMANY, &c. And concludes, *That ſomething has certainly happen'd, that has quite Inverted the Schemes of this Summers War, and we muſt have Patience to wait the Event.* And then Reſumes, *The Proſpect of the Campaign is no where Promiſing, they ſay, but in* SPAIN.

Now wou'd Mr. *De Foe* be offended, if I ſhou'd Ask him, who they are that ſay ſo? Whether *High-Church* or *Low-Church*? Whether *Whiggs* or *Tories?* Let this be the *Teſt* then of thoſe that Pay moſt *Reſpect* to my Lord *Duke* of *Marlborough*! Here Mr. *De Foe* has *Ominated* the *Campaign* for him, That it will End juſt as the *Laſt* did! And gives *Reaſons* for it too! And then what fine *Pamphlets* and *Invectives* ſhou'd we have come out againſt his *Grace*, as there did for *Laſt* year! Here Mr. *De Foe* has call'd the *Succeſs* his *Grace* has ſince had, having done the *Work* of *Ages* (as *De Foe* Ridicules it) not *in the Short Extent of a 5 Months Campaign*, but *Already*, in the very *Beginning* of the *Campaign*, I may ſay, in one *Day*; This Mr. *De Foe* calls, he calls the very *Attempt* or *Deſign* of it, a *Satyr* upon the *Duke* of *Marlborough* and *Lampooning* his *Judgement* and *Diſcretion*! And how wou'd this have been *Improv'd*, if his *Grace* had met with any *Diſaſter* in this *Attempt*! Mr. *De Foe* wou'd have ſaid, did I not Tell you this Before hand! He tells us the *Nail* that muſt be *Driven*, and that *will go*, muſt not be where his *Grace* Commands! He makes all look *Deſperate* on that ſide!

(5.) *Country-m.* But *Maſter*, how did he do, when the *News* of the Great *Victory* came over? Was he not *Aſhamed* and *Confounded*?

Rehearſ. O, then he *Tun'd* up his *Pipes*, and in the next *Review* he *Sung* my Lord *Marlborough* a fine *Song* like a *Black-Bird!* But he Immediatly Return'd to his *Buſineſs*, and the *Buſineſs* of the *Party*.

Country-m. Why, ſurely he wou'd not offer after this, to ſay any thing that did but *Squint* or Look *Aſcew* at the *Duke* of *Marlborough*!

Rehearſ. The *Whiggs* are *Conſtant* men! Nothing *Diverts* them from their *Purpoſe*! He makes it the whole Buſineſs of his next *Review* of laſt *May* 25. *Vol.* 3. N. 63. to *Leſſen* this Great *Victory* all that he Cou'd. And blames the vaſt *Hopes* People had Conceiv'd from it, of making further *Impreſſions* upon *France*; As he had before found fault with the too Great *Expectations* they had from the *Duke* of *Marlborough*. He compares the preſent *Reduction* of *Brabant* to that *Run* of *Victories* which the *French* King had in the *Netherlands*, in the year 1672. When ſo many *Towns* in the *United Provinces* had *Submitted* to him. But that he was forc'd to Quit them all, as *Haſtily* as he got them, *that he might not be Match'd in the Field*, as *De Foe* expreſſes it, for *that his Numerous Garriſons took up ſo many of his Troops*, when the *Imperialiſts* and *Dutch* were Join'd. And to make the Caſe more Parallel to this, *De Foe*, p. 251. has *Recruited* the *French* Troops in a *Trice*, and ſays, *I cannot Doubt, but you will ſee the FRENCH appear with near 60000 Men in the Field again.* And ſo he *Fore—Bodes*, that we muſt *Quit* all the *Towns* we have taken in *Brabant*, as *Haſtily* as the *French* King did thoſe he had taken in the *Netherlands* in 1672. And that this *Victory* will be of as little uſe to us, as *That* was to him.

Now whether this be to *Leſſen* or *Magnifie* the *Victory* obtain'd, by the D. of *M.* Whether to *Encourage* or *Diſpirit* the *Engliſh*, and the *Allies*, to what all this fine *Story* Tends, I leave you, *Country-man* to *Judge*!

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